Inclusion of Pulluya Community

2023. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State of Kerala has made representation to include 'Pulluva' Community of Kerala in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Impact of Hike in Sugar Allocation

2024. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made changes in the sugar *sector like* decanalisation of sugar export, free licensing of sugar factories and incentive schemes for setting up new sugar mills;

(b) whether the Government have also announced recently hike in per unit allocation of sugar under the Public Distribution System;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the total annual additional sugar likely to be contributed by the sugar industry for this hike in allocation of sugar under PDS;

(e) whether sugar mills are likely to suffer heavy burdon due to this;

(f) if so, the details thereof ; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate relief to sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS : (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The Government have decanalised exports of sugar with effect from 15.1.1997. Consequent thereupon, exports can be undertaken by individual exporters, sugar mills, etc. through the Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce within the ceiling prescribed by the Government. The Government have revised the licensing policy guidlines for setting up new sugar factories and expansion in the existing units *vide* Press Note dated 10.1.1997 (copy attached as Statement. Further, the Government have formulated a new Incentive Scheme for the letters of intent issued after 31.3.94 for establishment of new sugar factories and expansion in the existing units.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (g) Question does not arise.

Statement

Government of India

Ministry of Industry
Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

Press Note No. 1
(1997 Series)

Subject : Guidelines for considering applications for industrial licences for sugar factories

The Government of India have reviewed the Guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories issued *vide* this Ministry's Press Note No. 16 (1991) dated 8.11.91. The existing guidelines need revision in order to take into account the changes in the business scenario following economic liberalisation, the need for introducing simplified and transparent procedures and the technological changes that have taken place in the sugar industry over the years. In supersession of the aforesaid Press Note, Government have now formulated the following revised guidelines :

(i) New Sugar factories will continue to be licensed for a minimum economic capacity of 2500 tonnes cane crushed per day (TCD). There will not be any maximum limit on such capacity.

(ii) Preference in licensing would be given to the proposals involving larger capacity, modern technology and development of integrated complexes producing value added products and co-generation power.

(iii) For the consideration of application, a revenue district will be taken as the unit. In case more than one application is received for any unit of operation, other things being equal, priority will be given to the application received earlier.

(iv) Licences for new sugar factories will be issued subject to the condition that the distance between the proposed new sugar factory and an existing/ already licensed sugar factory should be not less than 15 kilometres.

(v) The basic criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units would be cane availability or the potential for the development of sugarcane or both.

(vi) Other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to the proposals from the Growers'

Cooperative Societies. however, Industrial licence issued to such a cooperative cannot be transferred to any other entity.

(vii) All applications for expansion of the existing factories will be cleared automatically.

(viii) Applications for grant of Industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA) in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi in Form IL, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/- The applications received for grant of licences would be referred by SIA to the Department of Food and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their comments. If no comments are received from either Department of Food or the concerned State Governments/UTs within one month after their comments are asked for, it shall be deemed that they have no comments to offer. The Licensing Committee would thereafter consider the application for industrial licence and make appropriate recommendations.

B. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance

(ASHOK KUMAR)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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NEW DELHI.

[Translation]

Hospitals for Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2025. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether hospital buildings have been constructed by spending crores of rupees in Bhopal in the aftermath of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy which are not being used;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have prepared any scheme for the utilisation of the vacant hospital buildings ; and

(d) if so, the outlines of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) As part of the Action Plan for relief and rehabilitation of the gas victims at Bhopal, about Rs. 100 crores have been spent for setting up hospitals. Seventy five percent of this amount has been provided by the Central Government to the Government of Madhya Pradesh as grant. Some of these hospitals are already functioning and the State Government has prepared a plan to provide the necessary equipment in the vacant hospitals to make them also functional.

[English]

Supply of Milk Products

2026. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Co-op Marketing Federation Limited, Anand, is neither making available its products directly to the Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd.) New Delhi nor appointing any dealers to supply its items ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited is a Cooperative Society registered under the Cooperative Societies Act. The Federation has full autonomy in its day to day management and affairs and Government of India has no role to play in its day to day functioning and its sale and marketing policy or strategy. It is entirely upto the Federation to appint its dealers and/or traders for its products depending upon the market requirements. At present Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Societies Ltd.) is buying the Dhara range of edible oils from Gujarat cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF). Anand. Kendriya Bhandar had requested GCMMF to supply Anand Dairy Products on credit which was regretted by GCMMF as it is the organization's policy not to extend credit.

Pooyamkutty Hydel Power Project

2027. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) wether a expert study team has visited Pooya mkutty Hydro-Electric Project in Kerala for re-examining the possibility to give clearance to the project ;

(b) if so, the findings of the expert study group ; and